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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JANUARY 23

1. SUMMARY:

--COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT IS SHORTER AND
LESS SUBSTANTIVE THAN YESTERDAY'S, BUT SAYS NEW SALT
AGREEMENT IS BEING "WORKED OUT" (VICE "PREPARED"
JAN 22). ZORIN COMMENTARY ON VREMYA JAN 22 ATTACKS
U.S. CIRCLES WHO OPPOSE DETENTE DESPITE SUPPORT OF
U.S. MASSES, NOTES SECRETARY REJECTED PRESSURE TO
DEMAND CONCESSIONS OF SOVIETS DURING VISIT, REAFFIRMS
SOVIET SUPPORT OF DETENTE WITH U.S.

--OTHER U.S. COVERAGE INCREASES, AND IS MORE CRITICAL.

--ANGOLA COVERAGE IS SPARSE, BUT PRAVDA RUNS
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MPLA FONMIN DOS SANTOS MET AT
MOSCOW AIRPORT BY UL'YANOVSKIY AND IL'ICHEV JAN 22
DIRECTLY UNDER ITEM ON SECRETARY'S LUNCH FOR GROMYKO.

--LEBANON COMMENTARY, BY
YU. GLUCHOV IN PRAVDA, REBUTS EGYPTIAN PRESS CHARGE
THAT SOVIET UNION IS "MAKING PEACE WITH DISEMBER-
MENT," SUPPORTS NATIONAL UNITY AND QUICK END TO CRISIS.

--THIRD INDIAN OCEAN REFERENCE IN THREE DAYS
REFERS ELLIPTICALLY TO SOVIET PROPOSAL TO WITHDRAW
ALL FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES FROM IO.

--SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIYA RUNS FIRST STATEMENT WE HAVE SEEN THAT
SOVIET AND EE LEGISLATION IS IN ACCORD WITH CSCE FINAL ACT.

--PRAVDA COVERAGE OF WEST BERLIN MAYOR SCHUETZ'
PRESS CONFERENCE ATTACKS "CERTAIN FRG CIRCLES" FOR
VIOLATING QA, CONCLUDES THAT WEST BERLIN CANNOT REMAIN
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OUTSIDE DETENTE PROCESS IN EUROPE.

2. SECRETARY'S VISIT. ALL JAN 23 CENTRAL PAPERS
FRONT-PAGE SHORT TASS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TALKS "CONTINUED"
JAN 22, WITH "SPECIAL ATTENTION TO FURTHER CAREFUL
CONSIDERATION OF QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH WORKING OUT
A NEW AGREEMENT ON LIMITING STRATEGIC WEAPONS."
COMMENT. JAN 22 COVERAGE USED "PREPARATION" RATHER
THAN "WORKING OUT." END COMMENT. PRAVDA IS ONLY
MORNING PAPER TO REPORT SECRETARY'S JAN 22 LUNCH FOR

GROMYKO IN A SHORT ITEM WITHOUT SUBSTANCE. EVENING TV VREMYA CARRIED MINUTE AND QUARTER ON TALKS, CITING FOREIGN PRESS ON THEIR IMPORTANCE AND AFFIRMING THAT SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE SOVIETS ATTACH TO THEM IS EVIDENCED BY BREZHNEV'S PARTICIPATION.

3. VISIT AND STATE OF DETENTE. VREMYA ALSO CARRIED COMMENTARY OF OVER 3 MINUTES ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS BY VALENTIN ZORIN, BUILT AROUND THEME OF DETENTE AND U.S. PUBLIC OPINION. ZORIN SAID POLLS SHOW MOST AMERICANS ARE FOR DETENTE, BUT "CERTAIN CIRCLES", INCLUDING ANTI-DETENTE CANDIDATES REAGAN, JACKSON AND WALLACE, TOGETHER WITH THEIR PRESS SUPPORTERS, HAVE ORGANIZED A CAMPAIGN AGAINST IT. OPPONENTS PRESSED KISSINGER TO DEMAND CONCESSIONS FROM SOVIETS DURING VISIT, ZORIN SAID, BUT KISSINGER HAS ANSWERED THAT SALT IS NOT A FAVOR WE DO TO THE SOVIETS: IT FLOWS FROM OUR RELATIONSHIP, BASED ON REALITY. IN CONCLUSION, ZORIN SAID SOVIET UNION IS STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF DETENTE, AS ARE THE U.S. MASSES, AND THIS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

4. OTHER U.S. COVERAGE INCREASES OVER YESTERDAY, AND IS ALSO MORE CRITICAL: ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CONGRESS WILL PUBLISH CIA REPORT (WITH STATEMENT AGENCY SPENDS \$10 BILLION ANNUALLY ON SECRET OPERATIONS), IN ALL PAPERS; REPLAY OF TIME ATTACK ON J. EDGAR HOOVER IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA; APN CORRESPONDENT GERASIMOV ATTACK ON JDL AND MEYER KAHANE, FROM NEW YORK, IN SOVIET-SKAYA ROSSIYA.

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5. ANGOLA. COVERAGE IS VERY SPARSE, BUT RIGHT UNDER THE ITEM ON SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON FOR GROMYKO, PRAVDA JAN 23 ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW FROM HELSINKI OF MPLA FOREIGN MINISTER DOS SANTOS. HE WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY CPSU CC DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR UL'YANOVSKIY AND DEPUTY FONMIN IL'ICHEV.

6. LEBANON. PRAVDA JAN 23 CARRIES MOST SERIOUS COMMENTARY SO FAR, BY YU. GLUCHOV, ENTITLED "LEBANON: UNITY AND NOT SCHISM." PIECE IS DIRECTED MAINLY AT CHARGE IN CAIRO AKHBAR EL-YAUM THAT SOVIETS "ARE MAKING THEIR PEACE WITH DISMEMBERMENT," --WORSE THAN ZIONIST PRESS HOSTILE TO ARABS AND USSR, GLUCHOV SAYS--AND DETAILS HISTORY OF SOVIET SUPPORT OF LEBANON. PIECE IS ALSO TOUGH ON ISRAEL, WHICH IS CHARGED WITH "SABOTAGING" UNSC SESSION AND PREPARING MILITARY INTERVENTION IN LEBANON. ON BEHALF OF
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"SOVIET PEOPLE" GLUCHOV COMES OUT STRONGLY FOR LEBANESE NATIONAL UNITY AND QUICK END TO CRISIS, AND SUPPORTS LEBANON-PLO-SYRIA "MILITARY COMMITTEE."

7. INDIAN OCIEAN. GENERAL ATTACK ON BRITISH PRESS BY V. OVCHINNIKOV IN PRAVDA JAN 23 INCLUDES SNIPPIT: "IF THE SOVIET UNION PROPOSES TO WITHDRAW ALL FOREIGN ARMED FORCES FROM THE INDIAN OCEAN, THE (BRITISH PRESS) CRY GOES UP, 'AND WHAT ABOUT SOVIET INTERCONTINENTAL ROCKETS?'" COMMENT. THIS IS THIRD PRAVDA TREATMENT IN THREE DAYS, COMES ON TOP OF FRASER'S WITHDRAWAL OF AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT FOR IOPZ, AND IS IN ITS WAY MOST INTRIGUING, SINCE WE ARE NOT AWARE SOVIETS HAVE MADE PROPOSAL DESCRIBED BY OVCHINNIKOV. END COMMENT. ELSEWHERE IN ARTICLE, OVCHINNIKOV GIVES SOVIET READERS RARE LOOK AT WESTERN PERCEPTION OF SOVIET MISDEEDS: "THE LIE ABOUT SOVIET BASES IN SOMALIA, THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THE USSR IS ALLEGEDLY SENDING THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNISTS."

8. SOVIET CSCE COMPLIANCE. IN COURSE OF ATTACK ON FRG TREATMENT OF REMAINING WAR CRIMINALS, APN CORRESPONDENT N. PORTUGALOV (FROM BONN IN JAN 23 SOVIETSKAYA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ROSSIYA) MAKES FIRST BALD STATEMENT WE HAVE SEEN THAT USSR IS IN COMPLIANCE: "THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF SOCIALISM, WHERE CIVIL RIGHTS ARE SECURED BY SOCIALISTS SOCIETY, ARE FULLY JUSTIFIED IN SPEAKING OF THE CORRESPONDENCE OF THEIR LEGISLATION TO THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT."

9. WEST BERLIN. IN RATHER ROUTINE ATTACK ON SCHUETZ' ANNUAL PRESS CONFERENCE, CORRESPONDENT A. GUBANOV (FILING FORM BERLIN IN JAN 23 PRAVDA) STATES "NEITHER THE SOVIET UNION NOR THE GDR, BUT CERTAIN FRG CIRCLES ARE VIOLATING THE UNDERSTANDINGS ACHIEVED (IN QA) BY TRYING IN PRACTICE TO RELATE TO WEST BERLIN AS TO A PIECE OF THEIR OWN TERRITORY." ON A SOFTER NOTE, GUBANOV CONCLUDES THAT "NOW AS NEVER BEFORE IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WEST BERLIN CANNOT REMAIN OUTSIDE THE PROCESS OF DETENTE IN EUROPE." STOESSEL

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